

Kentucky Mental Health Planning & Advisory Council
August 14, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
KDMHDDAS, 100 Fair Oaks Lane, 4th Floor, Conference Rooms A & B
Frankfort, Kentucky

Members Present: Trudy Abshire, John Basham (by teleconference), Rita Brooks, Artye Dulaney, Carol Estes, Rebecca Garrett, Janet Gothard, Lynn Haney, Steve Hartwig, Gayla Hayes, Bill Heffron, Robert Hicks, Angela Isaacs, Anita Jennings (for Donna Hillman), Mary Sue Klusman, Linda Lancaster, Steve Liles, Steven Lyons, Betty Jo Moss, Carmilla Ratliff, Jim Reed, Matthew Smith, Jim Sparks

Staff Present: Hope Barrett, Tom Beatty, Michele Blevins, Sara Garner, Tim Hawley, Louis Kurtz, Christie Penn, Rita Ruggles, Melissa Runyon, Carol Saylor

Guests: Marlene Braskett, Doug Crowdus, Loretta Rogers

Topic	Discussion	Next Step
Call to Order	Council Chair, Rebecca Garrett, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was confirmed and members introduced themselves.	
Approval of May 2008 Meeting Summary	Robert Hicks made a motion to approve the May 2008 meeting summary. Jim Reed seconded and motion carried.	
Housing Presentation	<p>Tom Beatty, Housing Coordinator, for the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Jim Sparks, Supportive Housing Specialist for the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) provided the Council with information about Housing issues/Supported Housing efforts in KY.</p> <p>Mr. Beatty shared a list of all housing built by the CMHCs.</p> <p>Mr. Sparks' primary responsibility is to advocate for supportive housing for people with special needs and to administer programs and to assist agencies develop supportive housing, which is defined as affordable housing linked to appropriate supportive services. "Special needs" is defined as people with disabilities, including individuals with SMI, and people who are homeless or who have experienced domestic violence.</p>	<p>You may contact Tom by email at Thomas.Beatty@ky.gov.</p> <p>You may contact Jim at JSparks@kyhousing.org.</p>

<p>Mental Health Block Grant Overview</p>	<p>Michele Blevins reminded members that the Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) Block Grant is awarded annually to all states and territories on a non-competitive basis. To qualify for the funds, recipients must follow the federal guidelines and complete an application and implementation report. All funds must be dedicated to building community-based systems of care for adults with SMI and children with SED. One charge of the Council is to review these application and implementation report and provide feedback to the Department.</p> <p>These federal funds are one of several funding streams that make up the “public” mental health services system. The Department also receives state general funds allocated by the KY General Assembly, other block grant funds for substance abuse prevention and treatment, and private foundation grant awards.</p> <p>The majority of the MH Block Grant funds are contracted to the 14 Regional Boards for services. The Department does not specify how the centers spend the money; it just stipulates that the CMHCs must spend it on adults with SMI and children with SED. One member requested that Steve Shannon be asked to report to the Council, how they decide how to allocate their contracted funds. Members were reminded that some of this information is in the MHB Grant applications and implementation reports.</p>	<p><i>Note: There is additional detail about the public MH system funding in several sections of the 2009 MH Block Grant application.</i></p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Executive Committee</u> The Executive Committee met on June 24th. Rebecca Garrett reported that the committee made a decision to meet twice per year to discuss timely issues and to prepare Council agendas. Members created a plan to help make meetings run more smoothly, which includes using a “parking lot” for ideas and giving members a 5-minute notice before beginning and resuming meetings.</p> <p><u>Membership Committee</u> The Membership Committee met on July 10th. Rebecca Garrett reported that the Council did not receive any applications from young adult consumers; therefore that position currently remains open. The Council continues to actively solicit applications for that vacancy.</p> <p>Members reviewed 7 applications for the adult consumer vacancy. The Membership Committee recommends Mary Singleton for Council membership.</p>	

	<p>Betty Jo Moss made a motion that the Council accept the Membership Committee's recommendation of Mary Singleton for appointment to the Council, by the DMHDDAS Commissioner.</p> <p><u>Finance Committee</u> Betty Jo Moss, Chair of the Finance Committee, gave a report of the Finance Committee's activities.</p> <p><u>Bylaws Committee</u> Michele Blevins gave a report of the Bylaws Committee.</p>	<p>Department staff will forward the recommendation to the DMHDDAS Commissioner's Office</p>
<p>Department Updates and Information Sharing</p>	<p>Lou Kurtz announced that the Department is working with the University of Kentucky Research and Data Management Center to apply for a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) grant that deals with using administrative data to answer mental health policy questions. It is a 3-year grant (\$250,000 per year). The application is due August 19th.</p> <p>Sara Garner introduced herself and announced that the Deafestival is taking place in Louisville on Saturday, August 30th.</p> <p>Gayla Hayes announced that the Autism license plates are now available.</p>	
<p>Block Grant Application Overview</p>	<p>Michele Blevins led the Council through a discussion of the 2009 Mental Health Block Grant application due to the federal Center for Mental Health Services by September 1st. (PowerPoint provided) and solicited feedback. Many comments were recorded and incorporated into the submitted application. Michele and Hope Barrett proposed to the Council that we move forward with a plan to engage in more detailed discussions/analyses of the data available. Hope suggested a group of members convene to analyze data. Michele stated that data plus testimonials would be effective to present to legislators.</p> <p>The following members volunteered to work with the data: Betty Jo Moss, Anna Winchell, Jim Reed, Steven Lyons, Rita Brooks, Gayla Hayes, Lynn Haney, Artye Dulaney, Janet Gothard, and Mary Sue Klusman.</p> <p>Doug Crowdus and Marlene Braskett also voiced interest in participating.</p>	<p>Meeting date will be announced and all members are welcome to participate.</p>

Proposal of Dates for 2009 Meetings	Members' packets contained a list of proposed Council and Committee meeting dates for 2009. Staff asked members to notify them of any significant scheduling conflicts.	Please send notice of scheduling conflicts to Christie.Penn@ky.gov .
Letter from Council to CMHS	Staff read the drafted letter that verifies the Council's review of the application and asked for any additional edits. A member suggested Council members meet to write this letter in the future.	The Executive Committee will review this recommendation.
Public Comment	Item tabled due to lack of time.	
Adjournment	Anna Winchell made a motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Janet Gothard seconded and motion carried.	
Parking Lot	<p>The following items were generated during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ How to advocate for services ♦ Department oversight of department funds ♦ Consumer-run Client Satisfaction Surveys ♦ KARP – how the regions decided to take their budget cuts? ♦ CMHCs – accountability 	
Next Meeting Date	Thursday, November 13 DMHDDAS, 4 th Floor, Large Conference Room 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	